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## SPARY CONTINUES HIS EVIDENCE

### Eggs Stand On End Today

Today is the half way mark between the Winter Solstice and the Vernal Equinox. To the Chinese, it marks the beginning of Spring, and farmers have always started to plant their spring crops on this day.

The Advent of Spring is an important day in the Chinese lunar calendar. It is known as Lin Chun (Lap Chun in Cantonese).

On this day, the favourite sport among the Chinese is standing eggs on end. This phenomenon was first recorded in an ancient Chinese book.

This trick, tried in Chungking during the war years, received international publicity. It has been tried by many in Hongkong since, with remarkable success.

The best time for the performance, according to the book of wisdom, is 11.45 tonight, which is said to be the exact time of the birth of Spring.

### Daily Worker Editor Dead

London, Feb. 3.—William Rust, Editor of the Communist Daily Worker, died today after collapsing at a Communist Party meeting in London.

He was taken to hospital, where it was stated he had a stroke. He had two further strokes after reaching the hospital.

Rust, who was 45, had been editor of the Daily Worker since it was launched in January 1930.

Rust was tonight to have attended a meeting of the Central London branch of the British National Daily Worker editorial staff.

He was regarded as a member of the Union.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

#### Breaking Old Bonds

IN view of her experience in the Second World War it is not unusual that Norway is showing more concern over her future security than the other Scandinavian countries. Her interest in the Atlantic Defence Pact brought forth a request from the Soviet Union for an explanation of her attitude. The Norwegian reply, though diplomatically phrased, could not disguise the fact that having failed to reach agreement with Denmark and Sweden in their recent talks, Norway feels bound to look further afield for her protection. That the Nordic talks were unproductive is not surprising. The last war struck a hard blow at the traditional conception of Scandinavian neutrality, but the Scandinavian countries could not afford to suffer to the same degree. Finland, Norway and Denmark found successfully that their desire for peace was not enough to keep them safely outside a spreading world conflict. Sweden was more fortunate; the tide of war, though it sometimes lapped dangerously close, flowed round her. A third world war would see no change in the Scandinavian desire for neutrality. But Sweden is alone in her confidence that it could be achieved. This is the stumbling block to a Nordic agreement, consistently and work out a compromise military policy have been consistently failed. Sweden's argument in the recent talks was that participation in the Atlantic Pact would mean the establishment of American bases in Scandinavia—and thus the end of all hopes of neutrality. Norway, realistically, held that owing to their geographical position the Scandinavian coun-

## Describes Visit To Kai Tak: Denies Talking About Contracting Work

Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector grade I, on trial with Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, on eleven charges of theft by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money, continued evidence in his own defence before Mr Justice Reynolds and a jury of four men and three women at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The hearing so far has lasted exactly one month. Spary is defended by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths.

Kwok, who yesterday made a statement from the dock to the jury, is defended by Mr Percy Chen and Mr Y. K. Mok, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ.

Resuming in the witness-box this morning, Spary was asked by his counsel about the two lamp shades installed at 228, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and replied that he had arranged the flat for Mrs Wheeler. There previously were two fluorescent lights, one in the dining room and the other in the drawing room, both of the open type. Mrs Wheeler did not like these lights and so he took them down and handed them in to the Hunghom workshop with instructions that they could be used on any work.

Mr D'Alton: Now we go on to this matter of the work done at the CPA premises which you heard quite a lot of in this Court. There is an allegation that you visited that premises at the time when your work was going on. Now, can you explain that visit? It was said that you were there with Kwok. How did that happen if it did happen? Spary replied that on one Saturday morning when he had leave from the office he was working on an old aeroplane float in his garden. The float was riddled with bullets and he wanted to convey it into an outboard motorboat for swimming. He needed some durium sheeting and walked to Kwok's office and asked him if it was possible to get any from Kai Tak. Kwok replied that it was as they were breaking up a lot of old planes in the former Flycatcher area which the CPA had taken over. Kwok accompanied him in the car and they went to the site.

**CASUAL GREETING**  
On alighting from the car, said Spary, he had a rough glance around, but there did not appear to be any plane material there. He mentioned this to Kwok who replied that there

was some on the other side of the aerodrome but he would have to go after 5 p.m. to get it. On hearing this, said Spary, he thought he would speak to a European. They walked into the first hut and looked round and then Mr Harris walked up. They had a casual greeting and, said Spary, he got into conversation with Harris about the Macao air service and the possibility of getting an air passage for his daughter from Australia. Spary added that he refrained from discussing the sheeting in view of what Kwok had said that they would have to get it after 5 o'clock.

Mr D'Alton: While you were in this hut with Harris and Kwok did Harris say anything to you or did you say anything to Harris about any contracting work? Spary: No, nothing was mentioned.

Did Harris say anything to Kwok in your presence?—No. When we entered through the hut—Kwok's daughter was in the car and was walking in the rear and was not in the car.

**INSPECTED SEARCHLIGHTS**  
Replying further, Spary said that after leaving the hut he went with Kwok across the airstrip and inspected the Government-installed cloud range searchlights and the airstrip searchlight.

Mr D'Alton: With regard to the antecedents of this job at the CPA, that is the question, but alleged to have been re-wired. You heard Rowe's evidence in this Court: did you meet Mr Rowe at or outside the hut as he alleges?

Spary: Yes, but I did not know his name. The China, Light and Power service was being re-wired through the aerodrome to the Government administrative section for which the Government were paying. I had instructions from the Chief Electrical Engineer that these huts, which were along the route, were being connected up and there was the question of the huts getting connection from a cable service the Government was paying for without their paying their share.

Did you have anything to do with the matter after that?—No. Did you know if anything had been done?—I never went back to that hut. I passed it frequently as it was next to the road; occasionally, not frequently.

Did you ever meet Rowe again or have any further conversation with him?—I have no recollection. I passed by there and saw him but I never spoke to him. I had no further conversation with him.

You have heard the evidence of one witness who said that he rang you up about some three-phase wire for the quonot hut—I have no recollection and nobody phoned me up for three-phase wire.

Did you give any instructions about any such three-phase wire?—I positively deny that.

#### REFERRED TO KWOK

Now, what is your recollection about the next thing that happened in regard to that CPA business. Did anyone ring you up?—Somebody did ring me up but I don't know the

exact conversation. He gave me no name but said he was ringing up from the CPA. The call was put through the sub-exchange at the Wanchai workshop. It was last year. He wanted to get in touch, or words to that effect, with the contractor who had done the quonot hut. I gave him the name and telephone number of Kwok Kwong because my impression was that Kwok had arranged for the contractor for the hut and I referred him to Kwok. I had no conversation.

Asked about the next thing, he heard about the CPA. Spary replied that somebody rang him up one day and stated the contractor had stopped work on some huts. He did not recollect the name of the man who phoned. The man said he was speaking from the CPA at Kai Tak. Spary said that Mr. Marvin was present in his office. "I was annoyed," added Spary, "because it had nothing to do with me. I was going through some instructions with Mr. Marvin at the time and I put the receiver down."

Mr D'Alton: You heard the deposition of Mr. Harris read out in this Court. Did you know Harris well or did you know him at all? Spary replied that he met Harris at a cocktail party where there was also present a pilot who had just arrived from Australia and had been in the spring or summer of 1947. He said that he probably saw Harris occasionally at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

#### WORK STOPPED

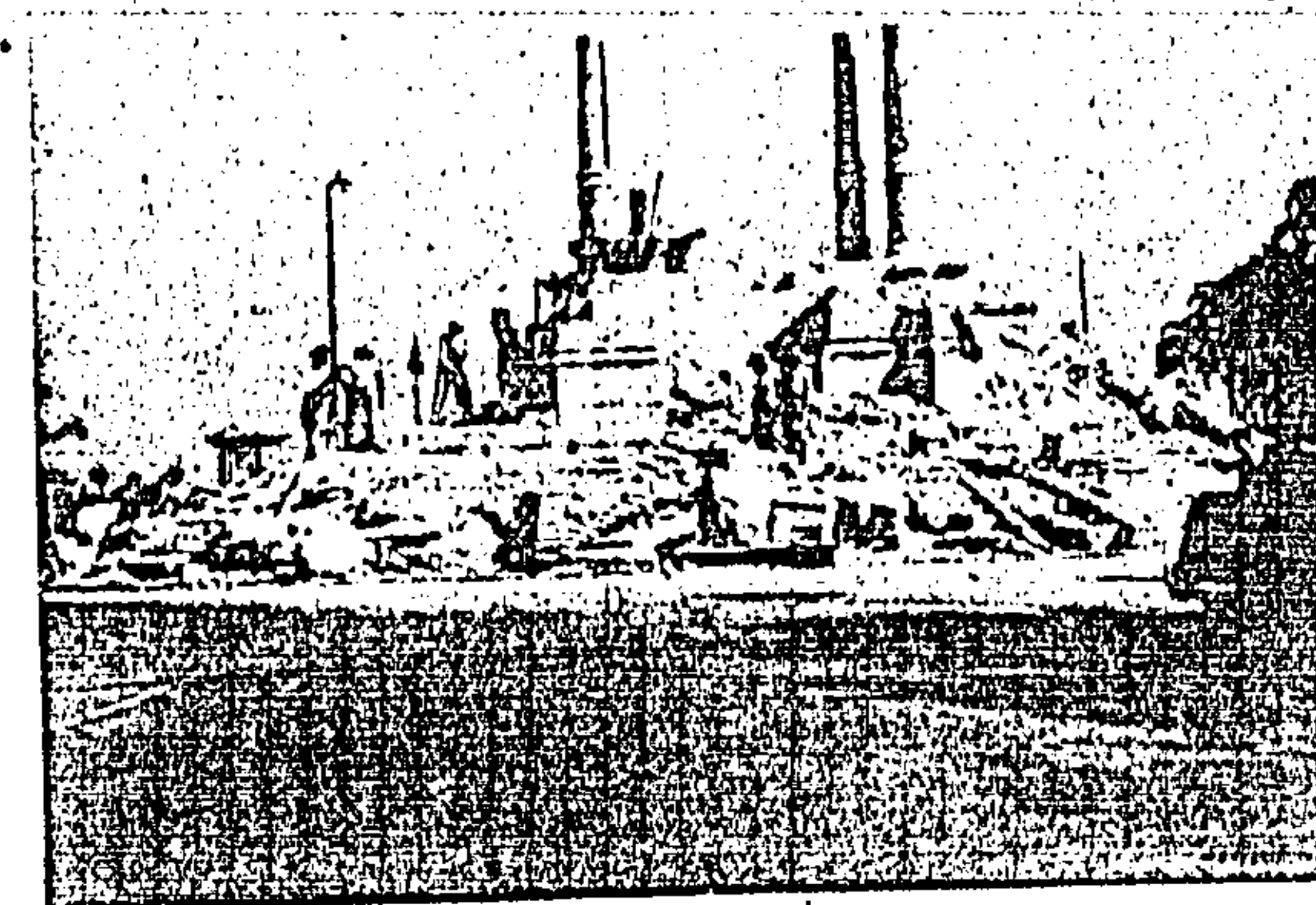
Spary explained that Harris had spoken to him about the CPA job at the KCC. Harris approached him and told him that the contractor had stopped work at Kai Tak. Accused replied, "I understand, he has not been paid." His first learnt of that one morning when he was leaving mentioned to Kwok Kwong that the tractor at Kai Tak had stopped work. Kwok then informed him the contractor had not been paid.

Speaking of his visit to the CPA installation, Spary said this was about a month or so before his conversation with Harris at the KCC. Mr D'Alton: I am going to refer you to Harris' deposition in which he said "On one occasion I had a telephone call after I heard of the second accused's arrest. The call gave his name as Spary. I was in. Later when I was in I had a call from someone who gave his name as Spary. I made a note of the conversation immediately after the call and I dictated a note. I remember, the second accused reminded me of the conversation at the Cricket Club where he said the contractor had not been paid."

Did you ring up Harris? Spary: I made a statement to Inspector Johnson. (Accused who then handed the statement he had made to the Police). The third question here: "Did you do anything more in the matter?" The answer: "The same man rang me up later and told me to get a some reason. I spoke to Kwok Kwong and asked what was wrong with the contractor."

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### Last Days Of A Statue



Workmen are now busy demolishing the Queen Victoria memorial in Statue Square, and, as this picture illustrates, they are about halfway through the job. — Staff Photographer.

## Karens Retreating: All-Out Govt. Attack To Recapture Insein

Rangoon, Feb. 3.—Burma Government troops, launching an all-out attack against the Karen insurgents who last night occupied part of Insein, about 10 miles from Rangoon, drove them out of a large part of the town, and the Karens were tonight still retreating.

An official communique, announcing this all-out Government offensive against the Karen insurgents at Insein today, said Burma Air Force planes dropped incendiary bombs over insurgent positions. Official sources said 2,000 members of the "White Band" People's Volunteer Organisation from the interior were fighting with the Government troops.

All civilians had been evacuated from the area, it was officially stated. Fires were still burning and pitched battles were being fought in the streets.

Press reports said today that Karens forced open Insein Gaol, claimed to be the second largest in the world—and shot down several prisoners. Prison Department officials here were unable to confirm this report as communications with Insein have been cut.

#### TONS OF RICE LOST

The reports also said 10,000 tons of rice were burnt when the Karens set fire last night to three rice mills at Insein. Tonight's Government communique said that the Karens had occupied the railway town of Penwegon, Central Burma, 120 miles north of Rangoon. It did not mention the fighting at Toungoo and Pya on the railway north from Rangoon to Mandalay, but said the Karens still held these two towns.

"White Band" members of the People's Volunteer Organisation from the Irrawaddy Delta have gone to Bassein, the rice port 70 miles west of Rangoon, to help fight the Karens, the communique added. An official spokesman said the Burma Navy frigate, Mayu, had been sent to Bassein, earlier reported to have been recaptured by the Government on Sunday, where the Karens were reported to be offering stiff resistance.—Reuter.

## House Of Lords Concerned About Future Defence Of Hongkong

London, Feb. 3.—Viscount Hall, the First Lord of the Admiralty, emphasised in the House of Lords tonight Britain's determination to maintain her position in Hongkong.

He was replying to a short discussion on the defence of Hongkong. Lord Walcott, Conservative, who raised the matter, said the Kuomintang (Chinese Government Party) was almost bound to fall. If that happened, the Chinese Communists would take over the whole of the country.

What would then happen to Hongkong? Lord Strabolgh, Labour, said that to keep Hongkong it was necessary to hold the ring of hills which formed the hinterland of Kowloon. He thought the only way to get an army big enough to undertake that task was by recruiting an army from among the loyal Chinese citizens of Hongkong.

"If this had been done in the case of Malaya in the last war, Singapore would not have fallen," he said.

## ISRAEL SAYS NO MORE CONCESSIONS

Haifa, Feb. 3.—Israel will make no more concessions to the Egyptians. If their final proposals—made on the strength of the UN mediator's "Bunche Line"—are not accepted, they will retire from the armistice talks after Friday.

This ultimatum was given to the Egyptian Government through the acting UN mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, by the Israeli delegates to the Rhodes talks on Thursday afternoon. It was learned from informed sources in Haifa and confirmed by United Nations sources.

Throughout Wednesday night the Israeli Government had meetings and talks in Hakirya after hearing the full report by the Israeli Foreign Office delegate to the Rhodes talks, Ruben Shilon, who had returned to report on the latest developments in the Hakirya Government seat at Tel-Aviv.—Associated Press.

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## Reds' 'Come On' Sign To Peace Mission

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—Shanghai's five-man People's Peace Mission, appointed personally by President Li Tsung-jen, has received a favourable reply from the Communists welcoming them to North China, according to the China Press this morning.

There is no confirmation yet from other sources. The mission report added that it is scheduled to fly to Peiping on Sunday in a special Government plane named "Tsuiyun" (Chasing Clouds).

The mission will seek to arrange for the holding of overall peace talks between the Government and the Communists at an early date.

Dr W. Yen, the 73-year old veteran diplomat who has been identified with most of the outstanding events of the Republic and who is leader of the mission, had a two-hour talk last night with Mr. Kan Chia-hou, the personal representative of President Li Tsung-jen, and other members of the peace delegation on the programme which they will take up with the Communist leaders upon their arrival in Peiping.

The decisions of the meeting, which are as yet not known, will be carried to President Li Tsung-jen in Nanking by Mr. Kan.

Dr Yen and his mission will approach the Communist leaders as "individual citizens" and not as representatives of the Government or people, it is learned.—Reuter.

#### SUN FO RETURNING

Nanking, Feb. 4.—The Premier, Dr Sun Fo, confirmed last night that he would return to Nanking in telegrams he sent to Mr. Yu Yu-jen, President of the Control Yuan, and Mr. Tung Kwan-jien, the President of the Legislative Yuan.

The two Yuan presidents earlier sent Dr Sun Fo messages urging the National Government to return to Nanking from Canton. Dr Sun Fo said in his telegrams that the decision to move the Cabinet to Canton had been formally taken by the Cabinet itself and he could not alter it.

He had every intention of coming back to Nanking whenever it was necessary in fulfillment of his official duties.—Reuter-AAP.

#### CHANG'S RELEASE

Nanking, Feb. 4.—President Li Tsung-jen last night ordered one of his closest advisers to fly to Taiwan on Friday to secure the release from detention of the Young Marshal, Chang Hsueh-liang.

The release of the Young Marshal, who was involved in the Sian Incident in 1936, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was kidnapped, was ordered concurrently with the Presidential decree giving freedom to all political prisoners.

The decree was understood to have been issued by the Governor of Taiwan, General Cheng Chen. Mr Chen Shu-yuan, the President's close adviser, was expected to have "important discussions" with the Taiwan Government.—Reuter-AAP.

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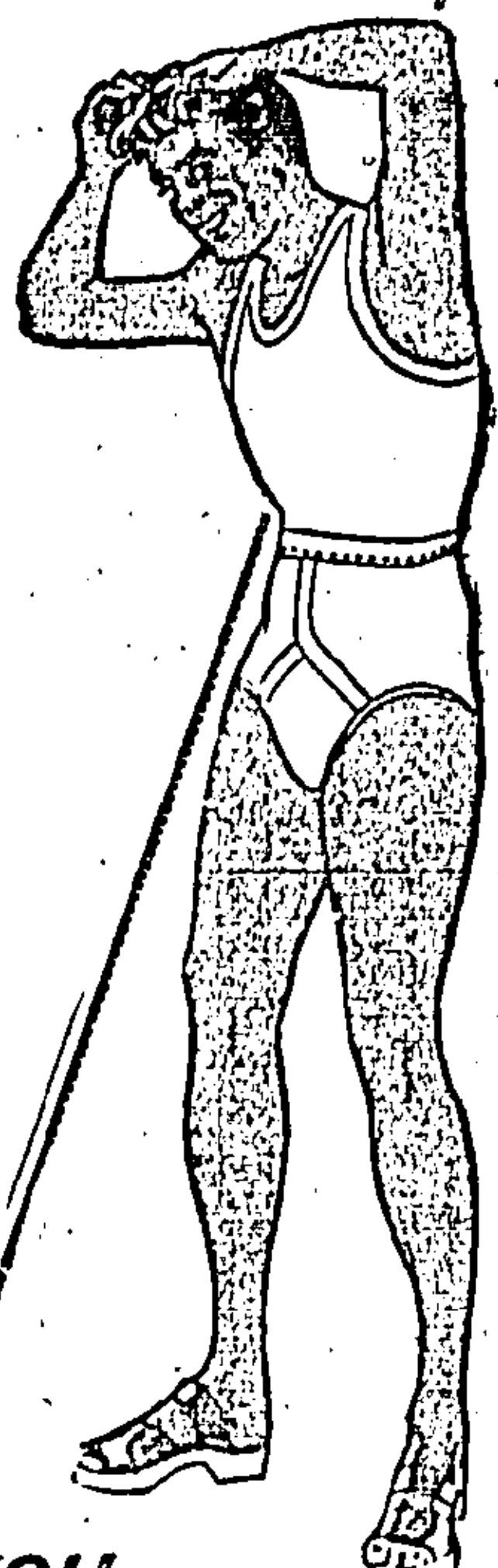
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## WOMANSENSE

### Try Out This "Sammy Spivens" Method With Your Child—

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

I AM intrigued with the new approach to character education devised and demonstrated by Mrs Dorothy Waldo Phillips, of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

According to her plan, the child instead of the adult gives moral instruction. He is the teacher. He teaches Sammy Spivens, a little puppet who has many ugly ways and habits with which every child in familiar or may have himself—such as rubbing his nose with his bare hands, snooping into a person's purse or pocket, showing off.

#### The Puppet

Mrs Phillips operates the puppet. He appears before groups of children, 20 to 200 in a group, from the kindergarten to the 8th grade. The programme varies somewhat according to the average age of each group. In the course of a year he appears before an aggregate of about half a million children throughout the United States.

Mrs Phillips has the extraordinary art of winning the complete confidence of the children. She begins by telling of a few naughty habits she had when she was very young (she calls such bad habits "weeds"). This makes practically every child ready to volunteer confession of a "weed" of his own and may cause him to feel he is as good as she was, or better.

#### Pulling The Weed

Then, after Mrs Phillips demonstrates with Sammy a weed of his, many children are eager to tell Sammy, one at a time, how to pull out this "weed" and put a "flower" in its place. The child goes up to Sammy and, in persuasive or authoritative words or tones rebukes him, tells him why his way is naughty and what he should do about it. Perhaps the child will shake his finger at Sammy, looking right into his eyes. I once heard a girl, ten, lecturing Sammy for being "sassy" to his mother: "See here,

Sammy you mustn't sass your mother. In the first place she had you, and then see all the things she does for you. Stop it!"

It is a very serious matter to the children. Often the most timid child thus condemns and advises Sammy, speaking confidently in tones all the other children can easily hear. Only undisciplined adults will ever smile or laugh then. Children don't.

A teacher who listens and observes the programme often is amazed at the perfect relationship between Mrs Phillips and the children, at the ease and forcefulness of expression of many of the children from whom the teacher had never expected such expression, and at her own deepening insight into many of these children. Teachers also discover that the child who himself has the same "weed" Sammy has, may be the first to want to tell Sammy how to get rid of it, all the while suggesting to himself how he will do likewise and, by implication, announcing to the other children his resolve. Just imagine the curative values possible.

#### "Sammy Spivens"

Before Mrs Phillips leaves a group of children, she asks them to write to Sammy, giving him advice. And these do, thousands of them. Mrs Phillips has allowed Mrs Myers and me to read many of these letters. This is a rare privilege that enriches our understanding of children. And some of these letters have appeared in one of the children's magazines as part of a serialised feature on "Sammy Spivens."

I have seen Mrs Phillips and Sammy with children of various age levels and heard her explain her philosophy and procedure to parents and educators. Never have I seen or heard of any plan or procedure comparable to this method of motivating right ideals and behaviour in children. Indeed, I consider "Sammy Spivens" a milestone in character education.

### Lady, Take A Bow



By ALICE ALDEN

AFTER ALL THE frills, the fuss and the feathers, it is nice and refreshing, to see a pretty hat made

even prettier by a crisp ribbon bow. There are many important details in this smart little Vilar hat chosen by Doris Day of the movies. First it is the advance guard of the simple sailor, due for promotion in the spring. Then it is of gray velvet to contrast with the silver striped ribbon bow. The crown band is swathed in net.

### Begin Now!

By RICHARD SUDELL

THOSE who have settled in a new house are fortunate, for this is the best of all times to begin garden making. And it pays to begin now, instead of waiting until the spring.

First steps are much the same, whether the garden is to be permanent, or more or less temporary as with many pre-fabs. You need—if it is not already provided—a good clean pathway from the front and any other doorways, and it is as well to make this straight from door to pavement, for it does away with "short cuts."

Keep the design simple. If the plot is small, try, if possible, to have a small grass plot for summer use. And arrange for some kind of screen if you want privacy.

#### Grass, First

Grass, first. Mark out the site and dig it over. Leave the surface rough, but scatter a light dusting of lime over it.

It would be better to wait until March to sow seed, but turfing could be done at once, if you can use good turf.

Mark out the border areas with small white sticks so that you can see where to dig—and double-dig as soon as you can.

Add coarse grit, straw manure and old plant tops to the lower soil on clay. Add leafmould, heavy cow or pig manure and chalk to sandy soils. Add any kind of decaying animal or vegetable matter to chalky soils.

### THE CROONER EXPOUNDS ON SONG-APPEAL

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD — Frank Sinatra, who has crooned hundreds of sentimental ditties, would turn off the radio if he had to listen to some of his own.

"Some of the songs I have to sing are pretty terrible," he admitted frankly. "I wouldn't have them on my own hit parade."

There are others he thinks wonderful and which nobody can resist. "Everybody has a different reason for liking tunes," Sinatra said. "Your favourite song usually reminds you of a happy experience, and the same songs don't appeal to everyone."

Sinatra's favourites change from month to month.

#### Sang It For Major Bowes

"Night and Day" helped me get my first professional break," he said. "I sang it when I auditioned for the late Major Bowes."

No. 2. "I'll Never Smile Again." His record of that with Tommy Dorsey's band brought him his first fame.

No. 3. "That Old Black Magic." That's the first one the bobby-soxers swooned to.

No. 4. "But Beautiful." Wonderful lyrics, says Sinatra.

No. 5. "You'll Never Walk Alone."

No. 6. "Soliloquy," from the musical "Carousel."

"It tells exactly how I felt before the births of my children," Sinatra said.

No. 7. "Nancy With the Laughing Face," written for and about seven-year-old Nancy Sinatra.

No. 8. "This Love of Mine," the only song Sinatra has written.

No. 9. "Brahms' Lullaby." It's the number one bedtime request.

No. 10. "You Remind Me of the Girl Who Went to School With Me."

"My father taught it to me," Sinatra said, "and I used to serenade my wife with it and a ukulele."

### What Your Tongue Tells A Doctor

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN

THE appearance of the tongue often tells the doctor a good deal about the condition of his patient and there are certain disorders which may be reflected in an inflammation of the tongue known as glossitis.

When present for long periods of time, the glossitis is termed "chronic." In this form it is especially significant and may be due to fungus or yeast infection. However, glossitis most frequently may be caused by malnutrition.

#### Malnutrition

In such cases, there is, at first, an overgrowth of the covering membrane of the tongue just behind the tip. As the condition continues, there may be wasting of the tissues within the membrane so that the tongue becomes completely smooth. The disorder may progress slowly or rapidly, so that a smooth tongue develops within a few weeks or only after many months.

When the condition is due to malnutrition, correcting the malnutrition by adding the necessary food parts to the diet will usually clear up the tongue disturbance.

#### Niacin Deficiency

It has been reported in some cases, that a definite improvement of the glossitis due to malnutrition occurs when niacin is administered. Niacin is a part of the Vitamin B-complex.

Other doctors have noted, however, that the tongue becomes normal only after the entire B-complex is taken.

Thirty patients who had chronic tongue inflammation ascribed to malnutrition were studied. Fifteen of the patients were given niacin daily, while the other 15 were given Vitamin A or Vitamin C.

#### Showed Improvement

Out of ten of the patients who remained under treatment for at least 18 months, five showed definite improvement. Only eight of those receiving Vitamins A and C remained under observation for 18 months, and none was benefited.

This study indicates that a deficiency of niacin may be one of the important factors responsible for tongue inflammation which develops in malnourished patients.

As might be expected, chronic glossitis may accompany severe diarrhoea such as occurs in ulcerative colitis. Once the disease has been cleared up so that the patient is able to make use of the food he eats, the tongue becomes normal.

If chronic glossitis occurs, it is important that the patient be given a well-balanced diet, including all of the necessary food parts, such as protein from meat, milk and eggs; starchy foods and sugar; fats, and all of the necessary vitamins and minerals. If some special vitamin preparation is needed, the physician will prescribe the proper one.

### Be Fastidious At All Times



Be sure to take along a good deodorant when you travel. A cream type is especially recommended because it's easily packed.

By HELEN FOLLETT

PROTECTING against the baneful B O is not just a summer responsibility, but an all-the-year-round duty. The greater reason is here and the exudations of the sweat glands cling to woolen garments. Any girl who suffers from this affliction need not be surprised if she is side-stepped socially. And there is no sense bearing with it. It is the exceptional case that cannot be corrected by a rousing scrubbing in the tub every day, fresh undies and the use of a deodorant.

Any physician will tell the victim of this trouble that closing the pores in the arm pits will have no bad effect upon the health; there are millions of other pores to carry on the work of elimination and they will take over.

On cosmetic counters there are remedies in various forms, liquids, powders and creams. A new offer-

ing is in a convenient and attractive form. It is a dependable, packable tube containing a cream that can be conveniently applied to the flesh in half a jiffy. It is unbreakable; you can tuck it away with your other good-looks props.

Nervousness will stimulate the sweat glands. Girls and women who are tense and emotional are often bothered with moist skin.

"And what," asks the jumpy nervous lady, "will cure my jitters?" The answer is found in mental hygiene, plus a well-organized life. One must slow up, avoid excitement as much as one can, have periods of rest when one can talk things over with oneself. Worry upsets the nervous system, starts all the bells to jangling.

The doctor will order less work or social activities, more sleep, a certain amount of out-door exercise every day.



**Let's Eat**

BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

### New Ways to Use Sausages

"THE sausage is a very popular food," remarked the Chef. "I have here 2 pounds of the link sausage with 'light' to the pound. And I also bought 2 pounds of sausage meat. What are your suggestions, Madame?"

"Personally, I like sausage however it's cooked. Let's work out some new ways to combine a pound of sausage with lower priced foods to make a fine substantial dish. Of course, sausage is quite an expensive meat when you count the fat that cooks out, about 4 ounces to a pound."

"But Madame, the fat need not be wasted. I never cook my sausages at too high a heat; therefore the fat will not burn and it can be used for frying potatoes, or other vegetables; or cornmeal mush or hominy."

#### For Seasoning

"It is also very good for seasoning dried and green beans, cabbage, stewed tomatoes and pea soup," I added. "We are far too stereotyped in our use of sausages."

"American families like them usually for breakfast. But I think they should be used also for lunch or dinner," went on the Chef. "For example, sausages with shirred eggs is a very good dish. First I start the sausages. To do this, I cut the sausages in halves lengthwise, one sausage for small appetites and two for papa. I put in a pan, cut side down and bake 15 min. Next, I rub each shirred egg dish with a little sausage fat. I break in one egg for small appetites, two for papa. I dust with salt and pepper, and put in the oven with the sausages to bake 12 min. When they are done, the eggs are set. To serve, I put the sausage halves at each side of the shirred eggs and parsley in the centre."

"A big dish of escalloped white potatoes topped with a row of nice crisp sausages, makes good eating," I suggested. "And so do potatoes stuffed with sausages."

"Is that a new recipe, Madame?"

"Stuffed Potatoes"

"No, Chef, it's an old Colonial recipe my mother handed down to me."

"Select potatoes of medium size; pare and cut off the tops lengthwise to form covers. Then scoop out the centres; fill with sausage meat, and replace the 'covers'; fasten them in place with toothpicks. Dust the potatoes with salt and pepper and place in a pan containing a little meat-broth; bake about 1 1/2 hours or until tender, basting occasionally with the broth. Serve with milk gravy."

"That would make a very attractive entire main course platter, Madame. The sausage-stuffed potatoes down the centre, the gravy around; wedges of steamed green cabbage at one end, and at the other, cooked carrots which I sprinkle with ground caraway seed."

#### Left-Over Sausage

"Ah, so trick of de Chef!" I laughed. "I don't think there'd be

much left on that platter. But when sausages are plain-cooked, sometimes one or two are left over. They must be used, for that represents about a fourth pound of sausage meat."

"But there is no problem with left-over cooked sausage, Madame. It can be sliced into the split pea or lentil soup. Or it can be chopped and scrambled with eggs, or added to bread stuffing for meat or fish. And it is very nice, chopped and combined with left-over mashed potatoes for potato cakes."

"And Chef, here's a new one. Chop the cooked sausages, add to griddle cake or waffle batter, then fry as usual. Wonderful at any meal."

#### Dinner

Chicken Mushroom Soup with Chicken Balls (Leftover)  
Sausage, Apple and Sweet Potato  
String Beans  
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)  
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Recipes Serve Four

#### Chicken Mushroom Soup With Chicken Balls

Combine 1 tin chicken soup and 1 tin mushroom soup and dilute as directed. Bring to boiling point. Drop in chicken balls and simmer 10 min. Serve in soup plates.

Chicken Balls: Fine-chop enough left-over or tinned chicken to make 1 1/2 c. Add 1/2 tsp. celery salt, 1/4 tsp. scraped onion juice, 1 tsp. minced parsley and 1/2 tsp. flour. Add 1 unbeaten egg and stir until thoroughly incorporated. Form into walnut-sized balls. Drop into the boiling soup and simmer 10 min.

#### Sausage, Apple and Sweetpotato Platter

Boil or pressure-cook 8 small sweet potatoes, or 4 large halved sweet potatoes. Peel and place in a well-oiled baking pan. Four a little melted sausage fat over the potatoes; dust with salt. Bake in a moderate to hot oven, 375-400 F. until brown, about 35 min. Meantime, place 1 lb. small link sausages in a baking pan. Pour in 3 tsp. boiling water; put in the oven with the sweet potatoes and also bake 35 min. Turn occasionally. Next, fry the apples. To do this, wash and core 3 apples, but do not peel. Slice 1/4" thick; slow-fry on both sides in shortening, using just enough to keep them from sticking. When almost done, dust over 1 tsp. granulated or brown sugar and 1/4 tsp. cinnamon. Turn and brown. Then sugar and brown the remaining side.

To serve, put the potatoes in the centre of a heated large platter; surround with the sausages and sliced apples alternating. Garnish with parsley.

#### Trick Of The Chef

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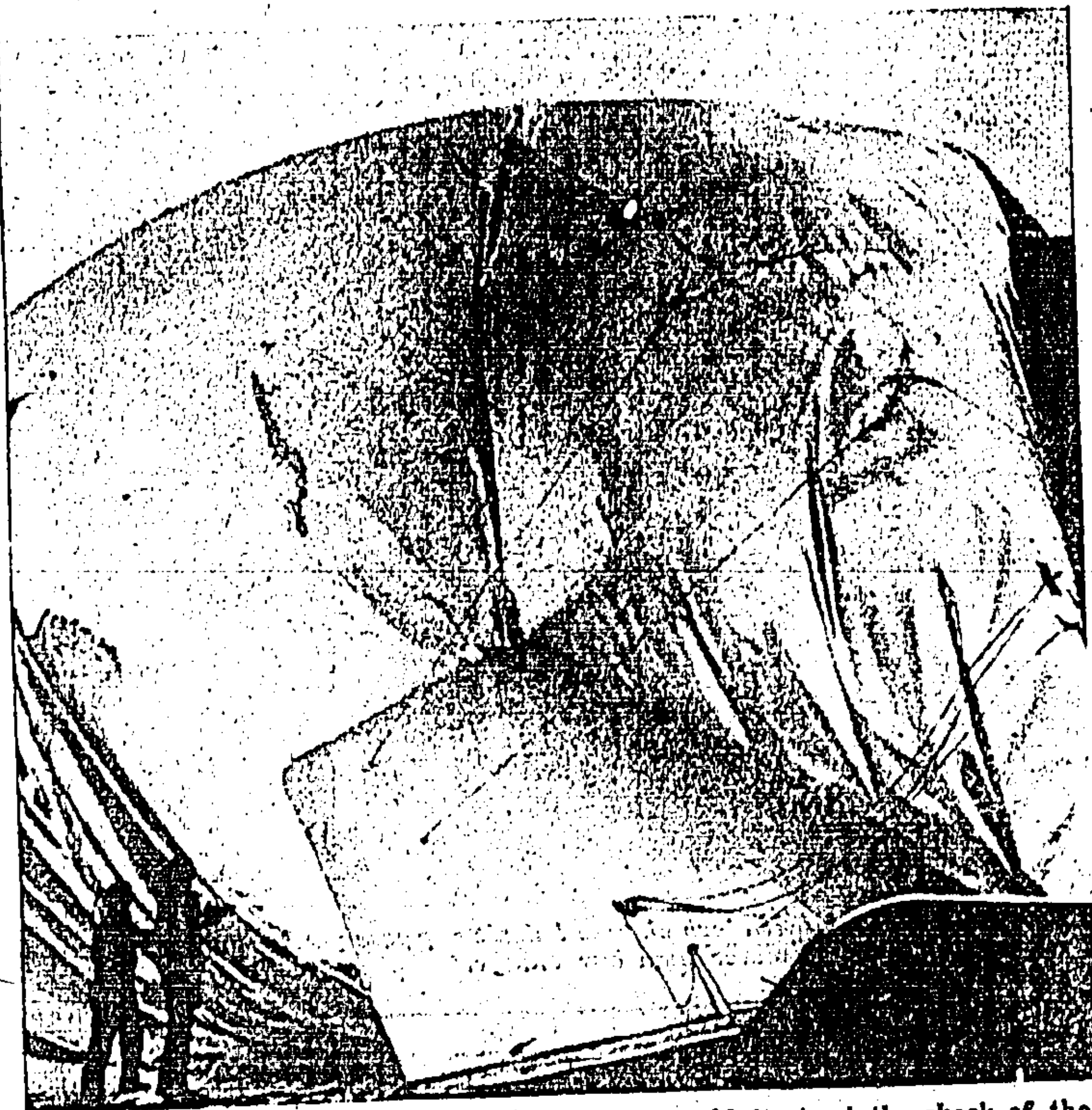
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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**BIG BLIMP WENT BOOM!**—This huge blimp couldn't stand the shock of the unusual snow and ice storm which recently swept over southern California. It plummeted down over Los Angeles. Here, field workers examine the coat of ice on the collapsed bag.



**PROXY MOM**—Elizabeth Morillon, (right) nine, had a big job on her hands when she played proxy mother to her baby sister, Jacqueline, 20 months, all the way from Paris to New York. The two young travellers made the trip alone, on their way to join their parents in Port Washington, New York.



**OPEN FOR BUSINESS**—Eager children and an aged couple crowd around the toy shop of an enterprising Berliner, who, unhampered by the lack of mortar, just piled some bricks together and set up his toy business.



**KID'S DELIGHT?**—Surrealism has come to the toy industry. This "toy" shown in Milan, Italy, puzzled everyone including the children. It features a goat's skull, tailor's dummy, scarf and army badge!



**RUNNING INTERFERENCE**—Super salesmen in Germany's black market make it tough for the pedestrians walking past Potsdamer Platz, where the American, British and Russian sectors join in Berlin. It takes lots of will-power to resist those luxurious little items, but it takes even more in money if you decide to buy.



**ONCE OVER LIGHTLY**—Attendant Ray Strippy has a dream of a job—and gets paid for it, too! All day long, he does nothing but spray beauties like the one above with sun lotion before they go for a dip at Miami Beach, Florida.



**HOLD THAT LINE!**—Droopy napkins are a thing of the past, according to demonstrators at a national napkin convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. But nine-month-old Charles Schroth looks pleased with things just as they are.



**FLYING CAR**—Flown from England to New York, this car gets a careful going over from a keen-eyed miss at LaGuardia Field before it continues its flight to Dallas, Texas. The car will be displayed there to show what Britain is producing in its post-war export drive.

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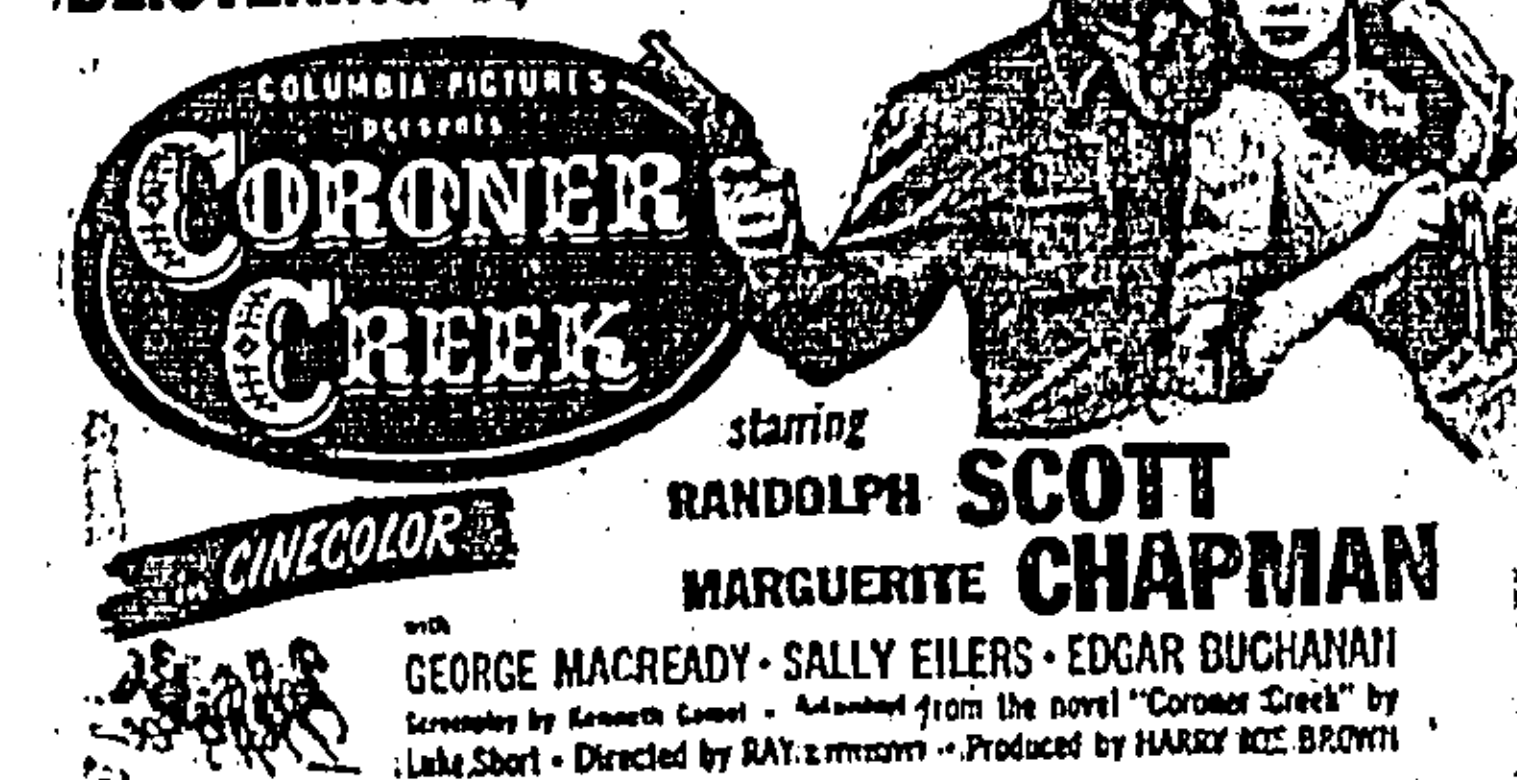
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# William Hickey

**WELL** within the opening week of the New Year the cynical student of affairs can now relax, assured that 1949 will be no less inconsequential, eccentric, and unpredictable than 1948.

The earliest omen—and clearly a new world record—came from the very heart of Empire.

It was the first time in history that a plumber has reeled Keats from the top of the Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus to a lunchtime audience of thousands on a damp Monday in January.

**SINCE** then, One hundred and fifty scientists have met in Whitehall to discuss THE SAUSAGE, its history, its structure, its bursting point—and its deficiencies.

Dr. H. P. BLUNT—the most self-consciously witty in an assembly fully conscious of its wit—said, "The sausage is the epitome of life because you don't know what's in it until you've been through it." (Loud laughter.)

And ten minutes later he announced that Oxford sausages appeared in the 17th century—some lengths ahead of Cambridge. (Still louder laughter.)

**Mr. BEVERLEY NICHOLS** has just seen out his new instalment of autobiography, "All I Could Never Be," in which the following splendid philosophy appears:—

"I said to myself: 'Perhaps, because one has lived, some dog has found a home, bird has been set free, some kitten has been stroked.' It was not much, but it was better than nothing at all."

**A PITY** Mr. Nichols missed the Royal Academy lunch where visitors who came in to see the pictures were told: "We have a four-legged Freeman of the City of London among those present."

It turned out to be **BLACK KNIGHT**, pet sleeve-dog of **LADY MUNNINGS**, wife of **SIR ALFRED MUNNINGS**, the Royal Academy President. Someone's cosy sense of humour made him a Freeman at the Guildhall in 1947.

Black Knight was the only silent critic of the Chantry pictures. He simply hung from his mistress's arm, and looked glum.

**BUT** from America comes the happiest sign of all—the gift of a child's set of plastic blocks containing the 26 letters of the alphabet. Printed on the outside of the box it says: "SPELLS HUNDREDS OF WORDS."

**NOW** to blow away the froth—one man's four-star recipe for spotting the person unsuited for high position. There is a clue there, see if you can spot the speaker:—

"Often he remarked that he could get 1,000 men to do detailed work, but too many were useless in responsible posts because they left to him the necessity of making every decision."

"He had nothing but scorn for any man who attempted to do everything himself—he believed that the man who worked himself to bat on minor details had no ability to handle the more vital issues."

"Another type he disliked was the confused firmness and strength with truculent personality—the man who had manners and deliberate discourtesy."

Who was? General **GEORGE MARSHALL**—and the portrait is by General **EISENHOWER** in his book "Crusade in Europe."

**THE** Liberals have apparently decided to do battle among themselves. That way, someone is bound to win something.

Chief protagonists are the two leading women in the party: **LADY MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE** and **LADY VIOLET BONHAM**.

\*It was Black Knight who found himself on the front page by being snuggled into last November's Lord Mayor's banquet.

**CARTER**, Both want the new job of deputy-chairman. Each thinks it will be a disaster if the other gets it.

There is personality as well as politics behind the fight.

**Lady Violet** opposes **Lady Megan** because she thinks she leans too far to the Left. But she opposes her far more strongly because she is the daughter of **LLOYD GEORGE**. When he was alive, the Welsh Wizard had a running feud with his co-Liberal, the **EARL OF OXFORD**. **Lady Violet** has never forgotten it. She is the Earl of Oxford's daughter.

**ACTRESS FLORENCE DESMOND**, who has left again for her third American trip in four months, has a headache. Our best-known public party-giver is cringing her brow over the sort of problem that besets the successful hostess—namely, the guest list needs revising.

To **Dessie's** famous Hollywood Party (whether it has been held on the West End or provincial stage or a New York night-club) the same people have now been coming for 15 years.

Wherever **Miss Desmond** goes, **BETTE DAVIS**, **MARLENE DIETRICH**, **CLAUDETTE COLBERT**, **TALLULAH** too—string along. **Miss Desmond** is herself not getting tired of their company. She fears we are.

"But what," says she sadly, "does an impersonator do when she can find no one new to impersonate?" Her recent Palladium reappearance—her first one here for three years—was a great success.

A loyal friend said: "How nice to see you back—and with the same old act, too?"

In her Bayswater flat **Dessie** ticked over the list of screen and stage names for a likely addition to the **Desmond** collection of good-tempered mayings.

"When I was in Hollywood," she explained, "I had a good look round. I studied **ETTA WATSON**, **BETTY GRABLE**, **LANA TURNER**. Certainly those girls have got something, but what they've got won't come over in a parody."

"And on the more serious side, Academy Award winners are no use to me—I need personalities with recognisable mannerisms and tricks of voice."

And take the British bunch—How does one "do" **MARGARET LOCKWOOD**'s fixed film-star grin? Among the **SUSAN SHAW** and **PAT ROSS** is there any quality that could be picked up and amplified so that a musical-hall audience would recognise the impersonation?

**Miss Desmond** sighed. "Well," she said, "I added **BETTY HUTTON** to the list recently, and for America there's always **HILDEGARDE**."

## LONDON

Town herself is having her face lifted. None too soon—for it is a sad thing to see a lovely woman (or a lovely city) letting her looks slide.

From Kensington to Kensington, from the rich frontiers of Mayfair to the Mile End-road, the scaffolds are out. The Law Courts is the newest on the list.

Pavements are also sprucer. And wire fence is going up between Piccadilly and Green Park which should make the grass look the right colour in spring instead of shabby and downtrodden as it does now.

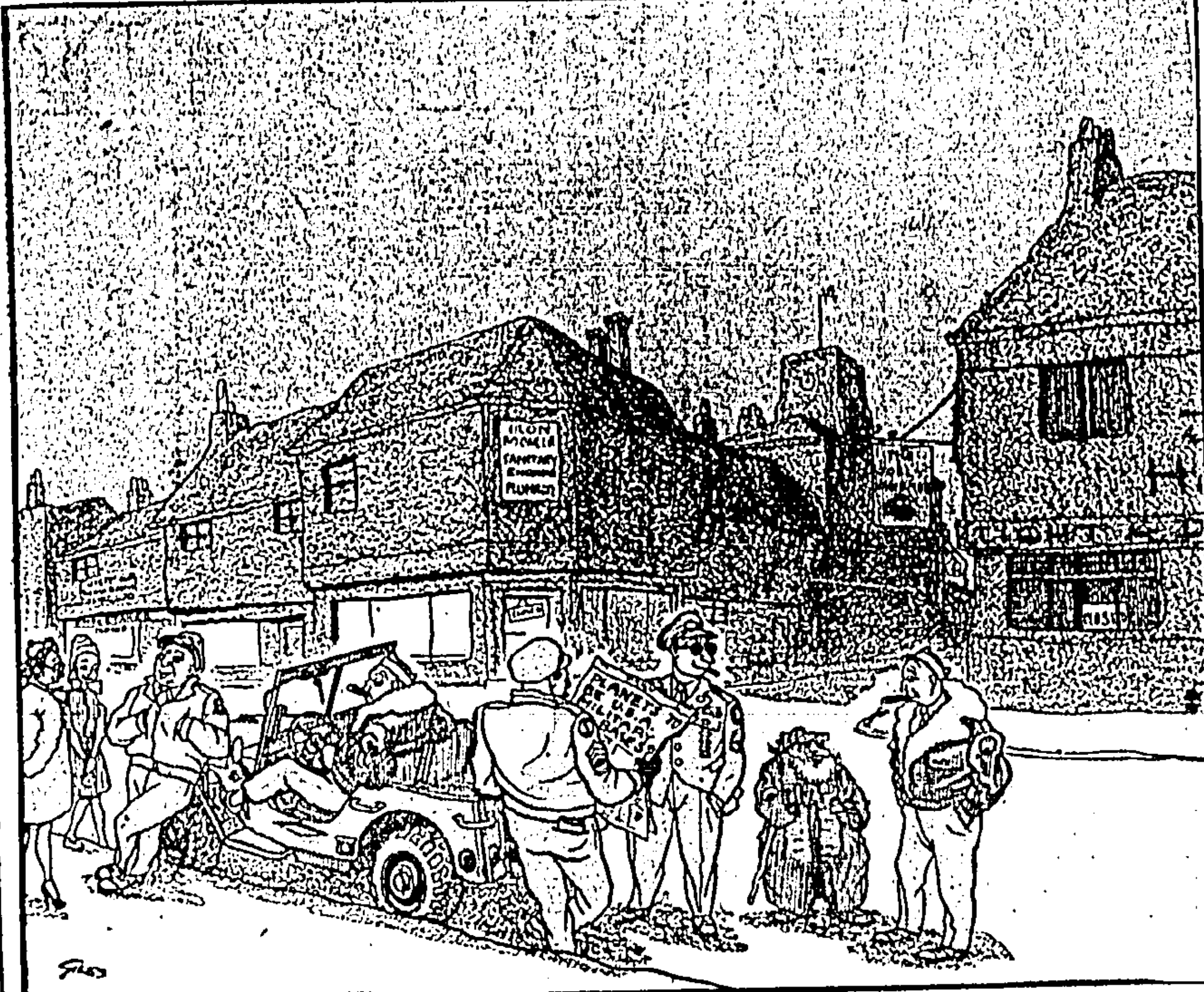
**WHISTLER** would not find much to paint on Chelsea Embankment now. Yet the quiet beauty of his day could so easily be restored. To begin with, a few panes of glass in the Embankment pediclar lamps—whif, of course, some bulbs in them, too.

Alas, the lovely houses in Carlton House-terrace are still in a wretched state. Their stucco has peeled; their barred windows peer brokenly on to the Mall, the same Mall where exactly 200 years ago **WILLIAM HICKEY ONE** (illustrious eponym of this columnist) was born.

He wrote "The Memoirs of William Hickey"—frank, Denn Swiftish accounts of his travels, his adventures, his loves—in the early 18th century. But they stayed in manuscript form.

It was feared that the book audience of Victorian days would not approve such full-blooded descriptions.

And so the original **William Hickey** remained unpublished until 1913.



"If they station you on one of these 'ere planets I don't suppose you'll find things much quieter than our village."

# UNKNOWN MEN OF MILLIONS

by BERNARD HARRIS

**ONE** of the things about Britain which puzzle visiting Americans is that our income tax authorities do not publicise our millionaires.

They cannot understand why the same secrecy is maintained about the affairs of the £100,000-a-year man as with the £5-a-week clerk.

There have been occasions when an American has strolled into Somerset House, headquarters of the Inland Revenue, and asked to see the "millionaires' list."

And when the inquirers have been told that there is no such list, they have been frankly incredulous.

For if you want to know any of the top incomes in the U.S. you can get the information pretty easily from the income tax administration in Washington.

## No one knows

Somerset House contents itself with telling the world that 55 people in Britain have an income of £100,000 or more. But no one inside that gloomy building in London's Strand knows the names of all the 55.

The statistical division dealing with surtax is divided into sections. Someone may know of two people with the initials "A" who are in the £100,000-a-year class, but he does not know of any whose name starts with a different letter.

The figure of 55 is arrived at by adding two "A's," one "B," three "C's," and so on, without disclosing their identity to the compiler of the total.

## Obvious names

By a study over a period of years of bequests, company earnings statements, and shareholders' registers, it would be possible for the diligent researcher to identify probably half our millionaires.

He would hit on the obvious names: like **Nuffield**, **Leverhulme**, **Colman**, and the **Rootes** brothers; the **Wills**, of tobacco fame; the **Coats**, whose millions are based on cotton thread; the great liquor families such as **Dewar**, **Gretton**, and **Guinness**; and **Lord Hambleden**, of **W.H. Smith** and Son.

He could not miss young **Sir John Ellerman**, who was left £18 million by his shipowning father 15 years ago, and is reputed to have doubled it by prudent management.

Among the self-made millionaires he would spot **Harry Ferguson**, 62-year-old Ulsterman, who ranks among the world's leading tractor manufacturers, and the **Moore** brothers, whose fortune is derived from the weekly 1-2-X of the football pool punters.

## The name is Owen

But, scattered round Britain, are a number of people who can rival any of these for wealth, and yet are hardly known outside their immediate circle.

Outside the "black country" the name **Owen** may not mean a great deal. But in Birmingham it is synonymous with great wealth.

At the beginning of 1930, 21-year-old Cambridge undergraduate **Alfred Owen** cut short his university career to take control of a big engineering business.

His father had died suddenly after seeing a little £1,000 workshop with a staff of 20 grow into a firm with five big departments, a turnover of £200,000 a year, and a payroll of 1,000 workers. Its name? **Rubery Owen**.

## Had big ideas

Young **Alfred** had been given a good training by his father. Both he and his younger brother, **Ernest**, had spent most of their vacations at the family works near Birmingham.

They were young men with big ideas. They set about expanding the business at a rate which would have staggered even their energetic father.

Today, at their main Birmingham works, giant presses stamp out anything from motorcar chassis and wheels to baths, kitchen sinks, and office filing cabinets.

More than 20 subsidiary and associated companies are scattered over Britain.

City experts value the **Rubery Owen** empire at around £8 millions. But when I asked Mr **Alfred Owen** if he was thinking of selling, he said: "It's going to stay in the family."

He, brother **Ernest**, and their mother, who is one of the directors, must today rank among Britain's wealthiest families.

But their joint income, after tax has taken its toll, goes back for the most part into the business which started with £1,000.

Switch from Birmingham to Belfast. There you will find another privately owned engineering business on which the City puts an £8 million price label.

**James Mackie** and Sons are second only in Belfast to the £18 million, **Harland and Wolff** shipbuilding enterprise.

It has been with the **Mackies** for generations. Present head of the family, **Tom Mackie**, is in his seventies, and is said to be taking things easily after a life-time at the Belfast foundry. But there are still plenty of **Mackies** to carry on the family tradition. Seven of them are on the board. In Belfast they say they are all working directors.

Factory machinery is the **Mackies'** big line. It is usually another privately owned engineering business which is said to have so many other interests in Ulster that death duties are no problem.

Recently they sold their shares in **Ulster Spinning**, one of their smaller interests, for a modest £172,000.

## Business brothers

Scarcely one of the 1,000,000 households who go each week to a Sainsbury shop for their rations knows that the brains behind the business are two brothers, 40-year-old **Alan** and 42-year-old **Robert Sainsbury**.

Between them they hold a controlling interest in the £2,079,985 capital and rank high on the income lists at Somerset House.

Still chairman is their 77-year-old father, **John Benjamin Sainsbury**, who took over a flourishing business which his own father had started in a little Drury-lane shop back in 1869 with his £100 savings.

## A family secret

The value of the business today in a family secret. My guess? Anything from £5 million to £10 million.

One of the Sainsbury rules is that shares may be held only by direct descendants of the founder or their husbands or wives. One day death duties may alter that—but not yet.

Then there is **A. V. Bridgland**, sturdy, forthright, Australian-born property expert, who began his business career after the 1914-18 war.

He had no money in those days, but now he helps to run a dozen property-owning companies, and his wealth is reckoned at about £1½ million.

## NANCY Dead End





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## TOMORROW'S LEAGUE CRICKET

## AN AFTERNOON OF BLOOD MATCHES

By "RECORDER"

The lachadajical attitude has dropped out of nearly all the League cricket teams and tomorrow afternoon's programme will be one of the most keenly fought of the year.

Recreio will be out at Cox's Path to prove to the KCC that it was a fluke that produced the upset of the year and the KCC will be out to prove that it wasn't.

That will be a match to watch. So will be the Chater Road affair between the Scorpions and the Optimists. They drew last time. This time both sides will be all out for a win.

How this can be accomplished unless the Optimists are sent in first and dismissed for a very low score defies all speculation.

The Optimists will need all their bowlers at their best. They will also need Pearce and Howarth at their worst.

## WITH GRITTED TEETH

The Reccreio batting will have to face KCC's most unpredictable bowling. Will Zimmerman, Robbie Lee, Taylor or Davidson elude? One may prove enough again to upset the appeal.

Reccreio will go in to bat with gritted teeth. The loss of a third wicket has meant for them, more than once, disaster. It is always 100 for two wickets or a hundred odd and all out.

It is not Reccreio's lack of batting strength that produces their remarkable development but the spirit that loss of the third wicket puts into their opponents.

Even lowly-placed Craighower came near enough pulling off the trick at the Valley the last time they entertained Reccreio.

## WILL THE INDIANS DO IT?

Of as much interest to Reccreio as their own match against the KCC is the performance that the Indian Recreation Club turn up against Army.

Most of our cricketers who have played against the IRC agree that their batting side could be worth 200 runs. I have a feeling that last week's loss to the Navy will put the IRC's back up and that they will be out to turn the tables on the League leaders after having bowed to the League's fall-enders.

Army has strong bowling, as we all know, and good batting on occasion but seldom at Sookunpo. Away from home, the Indians are better than they are on their own wicket. All we can do is wait and see.

## OTHER MATCHES

Craighower visit Royal Navy at King's Park for the return match against the only team they have beaten in a League match this season.

Navy will not be at full strength, but should be able to put up a fair game.

University meet the RAF, venue unknown as yet. This should be a close match with odds on the undergraduates.

## HOW THEY STAND

Army	P	W	D	L	Pts
Reccreio	12	8	3	1	35
Optimists	13	8	3	2	35
Scorpions	12	6	3	3	27
University	13	5	4	4	24
KCC	12	4	4	4	20
RAF	9	2	4	3	12
IRC	11	2	3	6	11
Craighower	11	1	2	8	6
Royal Navy	11	1	2	8	6

## CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent the KCC in a cricket match against the CRA on the KCC ground on Sunday at 2 p.m.:

S.A. Gray, R. Leigh, M. Wood, P. Kennedy, D. Halsey-Jones, F. Cosgrove, F. E. Lawrence, J. A. Tibble, E. Randall, S. C. Trueman. Reserves: A. J. Wood & A. V. White.

## WAYFOONG

The following will play cricket for Wayfoong against Takoo on Sunday on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, starting at 11.15 a.m.—C. D. Black, C. N. R. Hynes, P. E. Hynes, D. L. Leach, W. H. Lyndall, I. N. Macleod, C. G. Meredith, H. E. H. Nelson, A. L. Smith, G. A. Stewart, M. W. Turner, C. D. N. Walker.

## CRAIGHOWER

The following will represent Craighower against Navy in a League match at King's Park on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—C. A. Souza, S. Ramchand, P. J. B. Linnor, T. Crabtree, A. H. Ismail, J. Fraser, R. Tay, J. L. Youngs, W. Hong, Sling, C. Omar.

## SCORPIONS

The following will represent the Scorpions in their League match against the Optimists on Saturday—D. J. K. B. Stokes, T. A. Pearce, M. Newton, H. Owen-Hughes, D. H. Leach, J. E. Hutchinson, F. Howarth, M. Macleod, F. Gee, J. D. Clague, Twelfth man, H. H. Hughes; scorer, A. P. Weir.

## Badminton League

Chung Wah beat the RAF by nine games to all in a "B" Division Badminton League match played at Kni Tak on Wednesday.

Scores were: C. F. Chiu and Charles Lam (Chung Wah) beat F.O. Neill and S.G. McLeod 21-3; beat F/Sat. McDonald and F/Lt. Crellin 21-0; beat Cpl. Frazier and F/Lt. Griffin 21-17.

Wah! beat Neill and McLeod 21-2; beat McDonald and Crellin 21-5; beat Frazier and Griffin 21-5.

Leo Leong and Y. C. Lau (Chung Wah) beat Neill and McLeod 21-1; beat McDonald and Crellin 21-0; beat Frazier and Griffin 21-0.

## Davis Cup Draw Next Tuesday

New York, Feb. 3.—The draw for this year's Davis Cup lawn tennis competition will be made next Tuesday at 10.15 a.m. (New York time) by Secretary General Trygve of the United Nations at the Manhattan Building of the United Nations.

Twenty-seven nations have entered—four in the American zone and others in the European zone. The entry is two under last year's. Brazil, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Poland, Rumania and Spain played last year but are not entered this year.

The new entrants are Israel, Chile, Greece, Monaco and South Africa, none of which countries entered in 1948.—United Press.

## Ezzard Charles Faces Suit

Akron, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The family of Sammy Baroudi, 20-year-old negro fighter who died in Chicago six hours after being knocked out by Ezzard Charles, today sued Charles for US\$15,000, charging that he took "unfair advantage" of the late Baroudi by illegally "hitting below the belt," boxing promoter, David Brantman, while hitting with one hand while hitting with the other, by deliberately striking deceased with rabbit punches.

Counsel for Baroudi's family said Charles and the fight promoter had each contributed equally to \$10,000 of the \$11,000 the Baroudi family received from the benefit fight which Charles subsequently fought.—United Press.

## Tough On Louis

New York, Feb. 2.—The State Liquor Authority has refused to grant a wholesale beer licence to a firm headed by Joe Louis and Ray Robinson, on the grounds that former member of the notorious "Capone" gang—identified as Alexander Greenberg—also held stock.

The S.L.A. hastened to add that nothing should be construed to impugn the integrity of the fighters themselves.—United Press.

## New Boxing Promoters

London, Feb. 3.—The South-East Council of the Boxing Board of Control granted the new London boxing promoters, David Brantman and Ronald Sassoon, Esq., a licence to stage professional boxing at the Empress Hall, Earl's Court.

The first show will be on February 28 but the final shape of the programme has yet to be decided. This was a programme in which Marcel Cerdas, of France, was to meet Britain's Dick Turpin, a fight which has since fallen through owing to Turpin's rib injury.—Reuter.

## Flyweight Bout

London, Feb. 3.—Al Hutt, flyweight champion of Burma, is to meet Les Johnson of London over eight rounds at the Kenilworth Baths, London, next Tuesday, February 8.

Johnson surprisingly out-pointed Dickie O'Sullivan, one of England's leading flyweights, last month.—Reuter.

## St. Louis Browns' New Owners

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—The brothers Bill and Charley DeWitt Wednesday purchased controlling interest in the American League St. Louis Browns baseball club from Richard C. Muckenman.

The sale price was reported close to US\$1,000,000 for the 50 percent of the stock which Muckenman owned.

Bill will be President and Charley the Vice-President of the Club. Bill and Charley once sold peanuts in Sportsman's Park, where the Browns play their home games.—Associated Press.

## Yankoo's First

New York, Feb. 2.—The New York Yankees today signed their first player—outfielder Little Marquize of the Baltimore Elite Giants—and became the sixth major league club to hire a negro athlete.—Associated Press.

## Rugger Result

London, Feb. 3.—The following was the result of a Rugby Union match played today: Hospitals Cup Tie: St. Thomas Hospital 19 King's College Hospital 0.—Reuter.

## TEACH THEM GOLF AT SCHOOL



Professional Spencer Atwood with some of the boys of his "keen as mustard" class.

## Schoolboys Get Golf Coaching

By ERIC PRAIN

Brigadier J. J. Harper, headmaster of Tiffin Boys' School, Kingston-on-Thames, thinks that golf should be taught in school and a dozen of the boys from the school, between the ages of 15 and 18, get a weekly lesson from Spencer Atwood, professional at Home Park Golf Club.

Brigadier Harper gave up his appointment as Head of Education, Middle East Forces, two years ago to become headmaster of Tiffin.

He arranged the golf class and on each Wednesday since then Atwood has given lessons.

At full the class total 15 and the fees are paid from the school sports fund.

Each boy receives three minutes personal coaching, after which he is at liberty to listen to instructions to the others, or to go off by himself to practise.

## PROVIDES CLUBS

Few of the boys own clubs. Atwood provides these, and when the weather is bad he carries on with his teaching on a mat inside his shed.

"They're all as keen as mustard," he said, "and this is the time to learn, while the faculty for imitation is well developed."

Though some of his pupils show promise, he did not think he had

any champions or Walker Cup players in the making, but at least two of the boys in Atwood's class are distinguished in other spheres.

Seventeen-year-old David Mayers goes up to Trinity College, Cambridge, in October, with an open scholarship in mathematics.

Last year 15-year-old Michael Harvie won the schoolboys' boxing championship of England and Wales at 8 stone 12lb. and under.

This year he is entering for the championship again but at a different weight, 10 stone 5lb.

"Are you going to play golf at Cambridge?" I asked Mayers. "Yes," he said, "if I can get some clubs."

To boxer Harvie I put the question: "Which shot in golf gives you the most trouble?"

He replied aptly: "The hook, of course."

## United Press Selects The

## Ten Greatest Sports Performances Of 1948

By CORNELIUS RYAN

The year 1948 ranked with the best of any past years in great sports performances, and perhaps was unequalled in the production of new stars who may go on to true greatness, in the opinion of the United Press sports staff.

It was difficult to choose the "ten best performances," and so close was the voting and so heated the debate that it was decided it would be best not to try to list the top ten in a definite order, since all were outstanding feats and the varying demands of each sport made comparison unfair.

The UP selections as ten best performances were:

Charles Foville's unofficial world-record shot put of 58 feet one-quarter inch;

Harrison Dillard's victory in the Olympic 100-metre race;

Bob Mathias' triumph in the Olympic decathlon;

Sandy Saddler's Knockout victory over Willie Pep to take the world featherweight boxing title;

Barbara Ann Scott's domination of world figure-skating;

Citation's "triple crown" victory in American horse-racing;

Ben Hogan's victories in the U. S. Open and the U. S. PGA tournament, the most important gold tournaments of the year;

Fanny Blankers-Koen's four gold medals in the Olympics;

Richard Gonzales' five-set victory over Czech Jaroslav Drobný in the semi-finals of the U. S. National Tennis Championship; and

Herb McKenney's new—and still unofficial—world records in the 400 metres and 440-yard runs.

Four other sports performances just barely missed inclusion in the big ten:

Gil Dodds' world record 4:05.3 indoor mile;

Bob Falkenburg's five-set victory over Jack Bromwich in the Wimbledon tennis final;

Rex Barney's no-hit baseball game; and

Pat Secere's four home runs in one baseball game.

All the writers agreed that if the claims made for Nina Dumbadze of Russia are true, then she easily wins recognition for the best performance of the year. The Russian official sports bulletin said that Miss Dumbadze tossed the discus 53.25 metres, or 174 feet eight inches.

Adolfo Consolini of Italy won the men's Olympic discus throw at 173 feet two inches, a new record.

However, since there was no confirmation of the Russian claim, the poll had to concentrate on feats of proven authenticity.

In this group of ten performances, five are new stars who reached fame for the first time in 1948, and all five—Foville, Mathias, Saddler, Citation, and Gonzales—may go on to real greatness.

All have the ability and the temperament. Citation already is

ranked as the greatest horse of all time by many turf experts.

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## ON THE RECORD

## Our Sportsmen of the Year

With the sports scribes far and wide still popping up with their selections of the sportsman of the year, it is time we gave our local talent a lookover and nominated someone as our own Sportsman of the Year.

The softball people will immediately nominate someone who hit so many bingles and the reporters of our biggest sport—which is, after all, football—will right away vote for Weatherall or Tang Yee-Kit.

I would be tempted to pick on Frank Howarth for his on the field personality, a contribution toward brightening up local cricket that would be sorely missed if he wasn't there.

Who could have missed that exuberant glow of pure camaraderie when he hit the Reccreio bowling about for 53 (not out at that) while other Scorpions were parading back and forth between the wicket and the pavilion?

But in selecting the sportsman of the year from a very wide selection of the sports that are always with us, we have to be impartial to the game we most like to watch and pick, finally, on the personality whose contribution was the greatest, whose never-say-die spirit was set down in our annals as an example to the young.

When we so select, there can be little argument that our Sportsman of the Year was anyone else but that great-hearted distance swimmer, Chan Chun-nam.

While the pride of Hongkong swimming—and we did quite rear up our heads about it until Manila showed us they were better—was waning behind somewhere, it took a veteran like Chan Chun-nam to show how one raced first on reserves of clean living and perfect fitness and, finally, on heart alone.

His record performance in losing by a touch to Serafin Villanueva after a grueling half-mile race will live in the memory of all who saw it. As we note him down for the best performance of the year, we have to couple with him someone who would have stood out head and shoulders above anybody were it not for Chan.

That is Wilfred Lawrence, the Captain of Hongkong's swimming team, who at an age when many

would be taking up quieter sports still turned up another record performance in the medley in the spirit of a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat. One almost feels that next year he will suddenly emerge as a diving champion.

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For No. 5 we throw in Frank Howarth, mentioned once earlier. Who can appreciate "George" and his other-end-of-the-wicket takeoffs on the remarkable misfit or the remarkable dropped catch? Too many people take cricket too seriously.

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For Nos. 7 & 8 I will pick on two Hockey veterans, Willie Reed and Bertie Guest. Nobody will deny Willie his right to captain, Hongkong except a few who would pick Bertie. The latter now selects Interport teams. He can hardly select himself. But were I selecting the team, I would find it hard to drop him out.

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—"RECORDER"

## FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

## Luck Of The Draw To The Favourites

London, Feb. 3.—The luck of the draw for the Fifth Round of the Football Association Cup, which is to be played on February 12, has gone to the favourites—and Yeovil Town, the non-League "giant-killers" of the competition.

Portsmouth, Derby County, Wolverhampton, Blackpool or Stoke, and Manchester United, providing they beat Bradford in their re-play, will all have some advantage.

Yeovil have been drawn away from home, but are just as delighted because they meet either Manchester United or Bradford. Manchester United are still favourites for the Cup, and if they win their re-play, Yeovil could not wish for better opponents from a financial point of view.

On form, Yeovil cannot be considered to beat, or even draw, with the United, who are considered the best football team in the country, but they would have the opportunity of showing their paces against the Cup holders and, presuming that a capacity crowd was present, considerably enrich the club's coffers.

For the United-Bradford fourth round match at Maine Road, over 80,000 were present and the receipts totalled around £7,000. Yeovil's percentages of such a gate would amount to about £3,000.

## POMPEY'S HOPES

Portsmouth's second favourites, have their third home game in succession, this time against Huddersfield or Newport. In 1939 when they beat Wolverhampton in the final, Portsmouth had four home matches and beat Huddersfield in the semi-final.

They have hopes of winning both the Cup and League Championship, but, although they are playing well, many critics feel that they are not quite capable of completing the double and are more likely to win the Championship, which would be the first time.

The only certain First Division clash will take place at Wolverhampton, where the Wanderers entertain Liverpool. When the pair last met in the fifth round of the 1939 competition, the Wolves won and went on to reach the final.

Derby County, joint third favourites with Wolverhampton, appear to have an easy task against Cardiff. The Welsh club, put the mighty Aston Villa out in the fourth round but the Derby side is a different proposition and includes Billy Steel, the Scottish international, who is reputed to be the best inside-left in Britain, and whose goal put Arsenal out of the competition.

London's strongest hope, Chelsea, go to West Bromwich Albion, who are in the running for promotion to the First Division. Chelsea are expected to draw at the Albion ground and win the re-play, but the Birmingham side are out to repeat their 1930-31 feat of gaining promotion to the First Division and winning the Cup.

## MOST UNLUCKY

The most unlucky club in the draw is Hull City, who are called upon to travel for the third successive time against opponents in a higher League. They meet the winners of the Blackpool-Stoke re-play, and the key man, of course, will be player-manager R. Carter. Hull are the only unbeaten away from home team in the country.

Brentford stages London's only tie of the round, entertaining Burnley at Griffin Park. In their third successive home match, in anticipation of a stern task, Burnley

will be taking up quieter sports still turned up another record performance in the medley in the spirit of a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat. One almost feels that next year he will suddenly emerge as a diving champion.

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Gold bars (per tael) .....	315.00
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# TRUMAN'S BLUNT "NO" TO STALIN

## Won't Hold Talks Outside Washington

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Truman said bluntly today that he would not deal with Russia outside the United Nations nor would he go to Eastern Europe to discuss a no-war pledge with Stalin.

Mr. Truman repeated a statement he had made many times before—that he would not meet Stalin behind the Iron Curtain or elsewhere outside the United States, but that he would be happy to welcome the Russian leader any time Stalin wished to come here.

The President's news conference statement came only 24 hours after the Secretary of State's declaration quelling Stalin's so-called "peace bid" and accusing Stalin of playing international politics with global hopes for peace.

### ONLY WITHIN UN

Mr. Truman repeatedly referred to Mr. Acheson's statement and said the Secretary had made it after consultation with him.

He firmly reiterated that the United States Government would not enter into discussions on the world situation with other powers if such discussions were proposed to be held outside the United Nations. As for Stalin's invitation, he pointed out that he had invited the Soviet leader here twice and would still welcome him. Stalin begged off each time for reasons of health.

President Truman said he had invited Stalin to the United States at the Potsdam conference and again later. He added that he felt it was as far as necessary for him to go.

A reporter then wanted to know what Mr. Truman's attitude would be if Stalin would go to Alaska and the President said he had answered that question, apparently meaning Stalin would have to come to Washington.

### POSITION RESTATED

The United States' position was also restated today by Mr. Warren Austin, American representative at the United Nations, who said after a meeting with Mr. Truman that Russia's peace intentions should be measured by "conduct and deeds" rather than by Stalin's press interviews. He suggested that Russia's sincerity be measured by the Soviet attitude in the Security Council.

President Truman declined to discuss the Russian criticism of the forthcoming North Atlantic security pact, especially regarding the position taken by Norway in face of Soviet demands that she steer clear of the treaty.

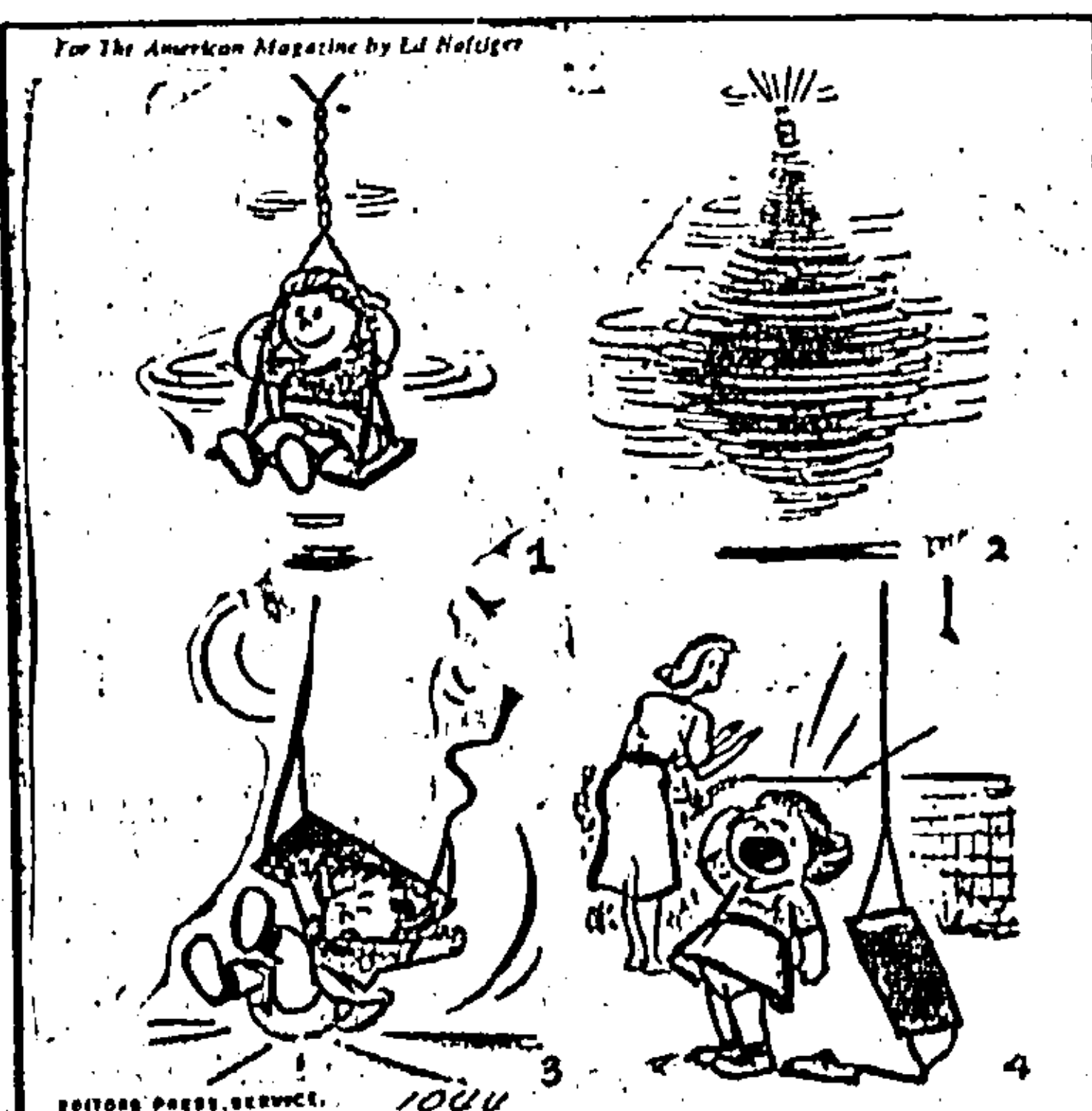
He said also that he had no intention of transferring the administration of occupied Germany from the Army to the State Department.—United Press.

## Thousands Of Livestock Saved

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The Army today announced that its vast "Operation Snowbound" had saved 150,000 head of livestock from starvation in three blizzard-stricken Western States. The Army's "Operation Hayride" saved thousands more.

The Fifth Army reported that its bulldozer assault on snow in Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota also brought relief to 1,858 snowbound persons. The Army said in the past 24 hours bulldozer crews cleared 1,097 miles of road, enabling farmers and ranchers to move feed into areas where animals were stranded.

Throughout the blizzard area, however, there were still more than 5,000,000 sheep and cattle facing the possibility of starvation.—United Press.



"Somebody broke my swing!"

## Outpost In Java



Dutch troops set up a machine gun post in a street in a Java town to cover advancing troops. Guerilla activity in Java is now reported.—AP Picture.

# Cardinal Mindszenty Confesses He Is "Essentially Guilty"

## DRAMATIC OPENING TO BUDAPEST TREASON TRIAL

Budapest, Feb. 3.—Wearing the simple garb of a priest, Cardinal Josef Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, faced the court accusing him of high treason today and declared he was guilty of the "deeds charged" but had never plotted to overthrow the Government.

He stood pale, erect, a copy of the charges in one hand while he gesticulated with the other to emphasize his words.

He maintained that his links with Hungarian Royalists and the Americans had to do only with the possibility of a third world war and the overthrow of the Government through a third power.

At no time did he seek part in any direct attempt to turn out the present regime, he declared.

Today's opening session, started with a sensation when the Chief Judge and President of the Court, M. Vilmos Olty, read the text of a letter from the Cardinal admitting that he was "essentially guilty" and offering to resign temporarily.

The Cardinal rose and said he had written the letter of his own free will but the court rejected his appeal to halt the trial. Giving evidence in a clear voice in the heavily-guarded special people's court, he said: "I feel guilty because as I have committed the deeds charged against me, nor do I disagree with the details of the indictment."

### "GRAVE ERRORS"

The Cardinal, accused of espionage, plotting against the Republic and blackmarket activities, admitted in his letter the "grave errors" he had committed and stated that he now sought a settlement with the State.

After the court had rejected his appeal, the second defendant, Dr. Jurzsin Barananyi, was questioned for two hours. The Cardinal's secretary, Dr. Andras Zakar, was called next.

Six other Hungarians are in the dock with the Cardinal, including Prince Paul Esterhazy, Hungary's richest private landowner. The trial has international implications—many of the charges involve leading American officials in Budapest, among them the United States Minister, Mr. Selden Chapin.

"There have been for some time repeated charges, even from official sources, made against me that I am standing in the way of peace between the State and the Church, and that my attitude to the present system is inimical," Cardinal Mindszenty's letter to the court declared. "About the former it is a fact that I have always really emphasized the preconditions. Now I wish to make my contribution to the general peace."

"Before the court trial opens I admit that essentially I am guilty of the acts with which I am charged, according to the State criminal code."

Sixty-six year old Dr. Barananyi, the first defendant to give evidence, was questioned for two hours. He admitted all the charges against him and implicated the other leaders of the prewar and postwar Royalist movement in Hungary, including the Cardinal himself.

He described plans to establish a Royalist regime in Hungary after an American victory in a possible third world war and said the American Legation in Budapest had been kept fully informed.

Dr. Barananyi spoke of the rivalry of several Royalist groups and said that his own circle and Cardinal Mindszenty had been anxious to prevent the return of the prewar Regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, after an American victory.

It had been intended to proclaim the Cardinal temporary head of the State and Archduke Otto, son of Hungary's return to be crowned with the 1,000-year old Crown of St. Stephen.

Tall, youthful Andras Zakar, the Cardinal's private secretary and the next defendant to take the stand, described in detail the alleged relations between Cardinal Mindszenty and Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, Archbishop Otto and Mr. Chapin, the American Minister.

NEW YORK MEETING Dr. Zakar said he attended one New York meeting between the two Cardinals but had waited in an anteroom while the Primate conferred with Archduke Otto and, on another occasion, with the Archduke's mother, ex-Empress Zita.

The two Cardinals were said to have expressed the hope that the then recent appointment of Mr. Chapin to Budapest would mean a much "tougher" American line. Cardinal Spellman was also alleged to have spoken of a post-war world war Central European bloc under American auspices.

Much of Dr. Zakar's evidence dealt with the talks between Cardinal Mindszenty and Mr. Chapin, who was said to have been told in full of the efforts to influence the Hungarian elections.

The witness mentioned financial dealings in which tens of thousands of dollars had been received from the Vatican or American sources but not been changed or reported at the National Bank.

Cardinal Mindszenty had never personally handled any money, he said.

CARDINAL'S EVIDENCE Cardinal Mindszenty began his evidence by saying: "In the spring of 1947, the belief that a war was imminent was strong throughout Europe. As a result of such a war a change of regime could have been imminent."

"When Barananyi and I discussed this, we came to agree that we personally could not take part in the attempts to overthrow the regime but insofar as this would be accomplished by foreign intervention we would play our part."

After five hours of questioning, the prosecutor produced a letter to the American Minister in Budapest which he claimed the Cardinal had attempted to smuggle out of prison as part of a plan to overthrow the Government.

Cardinal Mindszenty admitted he had written the letter. The Cardinal, dressed in a long black cassock of a simple priest, pointed with his right hand to emphasize his words. In the court room among the spectators was the Cardinal's sister as well as several Catholic priests from Budapest and the relatives of the other accused.

The Cardinal made his statement standing before a microphone in the centre of the court room. After one

hour of questioning, the judge asked if he were tired. "If so," he said, "you may sit down."

A guard brought a chair for the Cardinal who then sat down to continue his evidence through a lowered microphone which recorded the proceedings for Budapest Radio.

At one point, the President of the Court said: "If you are tired mentally we will call a recess," but the Cardinal said he was quite able to continue.

### ROYALIST ACTIVITIES

The judge then asked about Royalist activities in Hungary. The Cardinal admitted that the statements made earlier today by Dr. Barananyi about the illegal monarchist organization and his own participation in it were correct.

He also agreed that the text of a monarchist propaganda plan read in court by Dr. Barananyi was correct and had been approved by him. This plan included the division of Hungary into propaganda districts in each of which a Royalist leader was to carry on illegal activities.

The Cardinal told the court that there were in all some 300 such Royalists in the scheme.

He said these plans were all theory and connected with the speculation on a third world war. The final choice would have been left to the Hungarian people themselves.

Referring to documents alleged to have been found in his cellar in a long cylindrical container, the Cardinal said it has been his habit always to preserve all documents.

### HOLY CROWN

Much of the questioning which then followed dealt with the 1,000-year old holy crown of St. Stephen which the Cardinal stated in court "belongs to the Hungarian nation" but which he said he had tried to keep outside the country since the end of the war.

The crown was taken from Hungary long ago, the Cardinal said.

Referring to the letters he had written to Mr. Chapin and other American officials, the Cardinal said these were of three different kinds.

The first two dealt with political questions and the disposition of the holy crown and included one in which he said he had asked for armed American intervention.

"I regret having sent out these," he told the court, "and in future I shall consider internal and external affairs in the light of the sovereignty of the Hungarian State as I have written in my letter to the Minister of Justice."

The Cardinal said the third group of letters concerned Hungarian prisoners of war in the Soviet Union. "I could not but write these," he said. "I felt it to be a humanitarian task."—Reuters.

## "FROG MAN" ON TRIAL AGAIN

Rome, Feb. 3.—The Italian "Frog man," who led a daring submarine sortie into Alexandria harbour during the war and put the British battleships, Valiant and Queen Elizabeth, out of action with Limpet mines, was again on trial in Rome on Thursday.

He is Prince Valerio Borghese, head of Fascist Italy's famed "X-mas" anti-submarine unit. He is charged with treason and collaboration with the Germans.

The trial is nearing an end after nearly three months and the public prosecutor demanded sentence of 20 years.—Associated Press.

# Mr Belcher Resigns From Parliament

## MAKES APPEAL TO OPPOSITION

London, Feb. 3.—Mr John Belcher resigned from Parliament today as a result of the findings of the Lynskey Tribunal which investigated alleged graft in high Government circles.

Mr Belcher, 43, announced his resignation to a hushed, jammed House of Commons after the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, had said no criminal action would be taken against any public servant connected with the investigation.

Sir Hartley said that "although there was prima facie evidence" that some civil servants were guilty of graft, he had been advised that this would be almost impossible to prove. He did not rule out future criminal action in the event that further evidence was supplied and said he had authorised civil proceedings against a minor official of the Board of Trade for alleged offences under the 1906 Prevention of Corruption Act.

The Attorney General said the position of Mr. Sydney Stanley, key figure in the investigation, was "certainly still engaging the attention of the appropriate authorities."

### MAY BE DEPORTED

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, explained later that the Government was seeking to deport Mr. Stanley. He said that "the Home Secretary is satisfied, as conclusive to public good, that Mr. Stanley should leave this country and an approach is being made to the Polish authorities with a view to recognition of Mr. Stanley as a Polish national and his removal from this country."

Mr. Belcher, who had previously resigned as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade and had given up honorary positions in various organizations, asked the opposition not to make political capital out of the investigation.

"We are all interested in this House in maintaining unity and the honour of our democratic institutions, and it would not be helpful if either side attempts to use this unfortunate episode in that way," said Mr. Belcher.

He added that he was resigning because of the Tribunal findings, although he thought not be helpful if either side attempts to use this unfortunate episode in that way," said Mr. Belcher.

Mr. Attlee then asked the House to accept the Lynskey report. The Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, said the Conservatives would accept the report, but he added, "I regret to hear from the Attorney-General that he finds great difficulty in prosecuting some of these people, particularly the notorious figure of the so-called Stanley."

Stanley, who used many aliases in his business deals, figured prominently as a "contact man" between Government officials and businessmen.

Mr. Belcher's resignation will necessitate a by-election in his constituency at Sowerby, Yorkshire.—United Press.

## POCKET CARTOON



## More Claimants To Legacy

Paris, Feb. 3.—Two Polish-born Jews who have been living in France since 1922 said today that they believed they were among the missing heirs to a \$1,000,000 legacy left by an American-Jewish salvage collector.

The collector, Benjamin Epstein, died six years ago in Winsted, Connecticut, leaving his fortune among 15 nephews and nieces. Three have already established their claims and the search for the others is due to end on February 7.

Today's claimants are the brothers Moshe and Chaim Epstein, who said they heard of the legacy through Paris newspapers. "We want to get our claims in as quickly as possible," they told Reuters. Chaim Epstein, a watch-mender, said: "I was born at Ostrov, in Poland, in 1904 and came to France in 1922. When I was a little boy I heard about an uncle in America. That was about 41 years ago."

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